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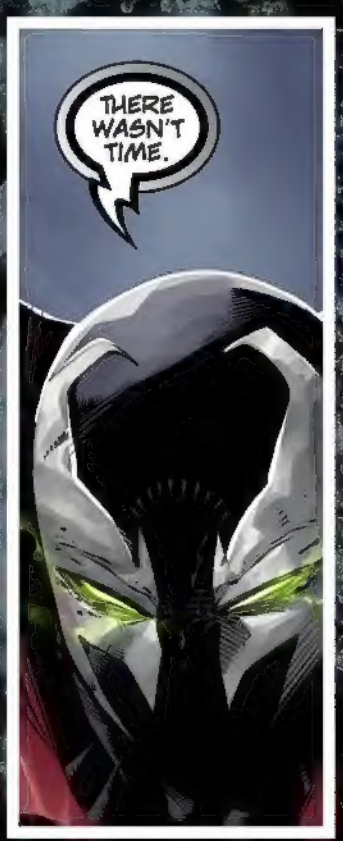
NYX?
YOU'RE BEHIND ALL THIS?
NOT BY CHOICE. BUT YOU HAVEN'T REALLY GIVEN US ANY OTHER OPTION, AL.
BECAUSE IF YOU KEEP HEADING DOWN THIS PATH, YOU'RE GOING TO DESTROY EVERYTHING.
HOW DID YOU... COME BACK?*
BECAUSE I WAS MURDERED? PLEASE, AL, YOU KNOW BETTER-- YOU TAKE PRECAUTIONS IN OUR LINE OF WORK.
*See SPAWN # 300 -- Thomas

IT WAS COGLIOSTRO, BY THE WAY.
HE'S THE ONE WHO *MURDERED* ME, IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING.

"OR DIDN'T YOU CARE? DID YOU SPEND EVEN A SECOND TRYING TO LOOK FOR MY MURDERER?"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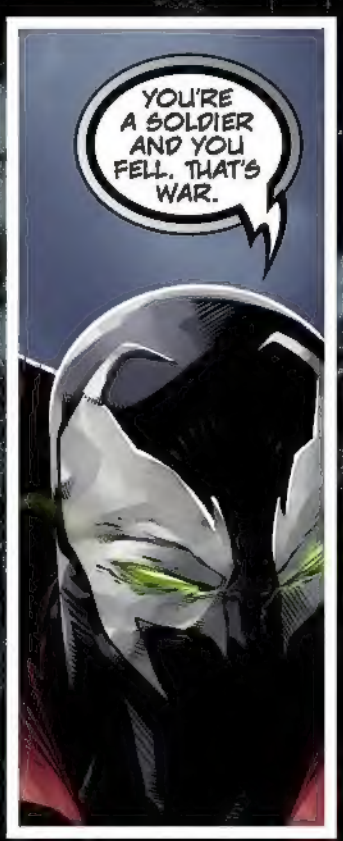
YOU'RE A SOLDIER AND YOU FELL. THAT'S WAR.

OF COURSE, *"THE WAR."* IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT WAR WITH YOU.
BUT NOTHING YOU'VE DONE HAS ACTUALLY HELPED TO END IT, HAS IT? IN FACT, FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, *EVERYTHING* YOU DO SEEMS DESIGNED TO STOKE IT FURTHER.
YOU DON'T REALLY WANT IT TO END, DO YOU?
BECAUSE IF IT DID, THEN WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

WHO TOLD YOU THAT-- DOWNING? HE LIKES TO POISON MINDS, I WOULDN'T GIVE HIM TOO MUCH CREDENCE.
SO, YOU WANT TO BE ANGRY WITH ME? FINE. I DESERVE IT. BUT DO IT FOR YOUR OWN REASONS NOT HIS.
ALSO, ASK YOURSELF; HOW MANY HAVE TRIED FORCING ME TO OPEN A 'DEAD ZONE?' HOW MANY DEMONS OR ANGELS TRIED BENDING ME TO THEIR WILL?
THEN ASK YOURSELF...
...HOW MANY SUCCEEDED?
THE POWER TO CONTROL THE DEAD ZONES IS HIDDEN. SOMEWHERE YOU'LL NEVER FIND.
IF SINN CAN'T BEAT THE LOCATION OUT OF ME, NEITHER WILL YOU.
WE'RE GOING TO REACH INTO YOUR MIND AND TAKE IT.
WE DON'T NEED TO BEAT IT OUT OF YOU, AL.

I WISH IT HADN'T COME TO THIS.
I REMEMBER HOW HAPPY I WAS WHEN I HEARD YOU'D COME BACK TO LIFE--BUT SEEING YOU NOW, I'M DISAPPOINTED.
THE AL I ONCE KNEW TRIED TO HELP PEOPLE. HE WASN'T HELLBENT ON BRINGING THE WHOLE WORLD CRASHING DOWN IN A FOREVER WAR.
YOU'RE JUST A HUSK NOW.
YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT THAT.
WE'LL SEE.
NYX'S MAGIC FREEZES AL FOR A MOMENT.

DID IT WORK? ARE WE...
DON'T WORRY.
WE'RE IN.
THIS IS HIS MIND?
PROBABLY BY DESIGN. HE WANTS TO MAKE THIS AS DIFFICULT AS POSSIBLE.
C'MON, LET'S GET MOVING.
THIS IS JUST THE SURFACE LEVEL. WE'RE HAVE TO GO A LOT DEEPER TO GET THE INFORMATION WE NEED.

ELSEWHERE, WAR RAGES ACROSS OMEGA ISLAND.

DEEP IN CAVERNS FAR BELOW, THERE'S A **FISSURE**, A CRACK IN THE FABRIC OF REALITY, ONE THAT COULD HELP SINN FINALLY RETURN TO HELL TO CLAIM A THRONE HE'S LONG DESIRED.

IT'S THAT PRIZE THAT HAS BROUGHT SINN AND HIS ARMY TO INVADE THE SHORES OF OMEGA ISLAND.

BUT THE ISLAND'S PRESENT RULER HAS **NO DESIRE** TO SURRENDER ANY SHRED OF CONTROL TO HIS ENEMY!

SHOW YOURSELF, CLOWN! IF I'M SO *'UNWORTHY'* TO YOU, THEN STOP HIDING!
MANY WORDS CAN DESCRIBE CLOWN.
SPEECHLESS IS NOT ONE OF THEM.
CLOWN?
YET, SINCE THEIR FIGHT BEGAN, SINN'S OPPONENT HASN'T UTTERED A SINGLE WORD.
WHAT ARE YOU?
TOO LATE, SINN REALIZES HE'S BEEN DECEIVED.
NOTHING OF HIS OLD FOE STILL RESIDES INSIDE THIS MINDLESS BEAST!

WHAT'S THE LATEST UPDATE?
UNFORTUNATELY, IT ISN'T LOOKING GOOD, SIR. SINN'S ARMY IS CLOSING IN ON US.
WE'VE GOT A BATTALION OF 6th CIRCLE DEMONS DEPLOYING FROM THE EAST, A GROUP OF NECROXILES FROM THE WEST, AND BARON DESPAIR'S FORCES COMING FROM THE NORTH...
"IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THEY'RE ON OUR DOORSTEP."
THE MOST PRESSING CONCERN IS BLUDD AND HIS VAMPIRES. THEY'VE BEEN ADVANCING RAPIDLY FROM THE SOUTH!

"THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT REINFORCEMENTS HAVE STARTED TO ARRIVE AND THERE'S BEEN SOME ENCOURAGING SIGNS. DAKOTA AND HER TEAM ARE MARSHALING A STRONG DEFENSE BY THE CLIFFS.
"YOUR, um... COMPANIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN EFFECTIVE AT SLOWING THE VAMPIRES' PROGRESS."
BUT ULTIMATELY, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT SINN'S GOT US PINNED IN. WE'RE SUSTAINING HEAVY CASUALTIES.
I DON'T THINK WE CAN BEAT THEM.
WE DON'T NEED TO BEAT THEM, JUST SLOW THEM DOWN LONG ENOUGH.
Bzz Bzz
SO? HAVE YOU FOUND HIM YET?

YEAH, TOOK A BIT OF DIGGING BUT I'VE TRACKED DOWN WHERE HE'S HOLED UP. JUST OUTSIDE IT NOW.
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE CONTACT?
SOON. BUT I JUST... WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU DEFINITELY NEEDED THIS GUY.
YES, JERICHO, I DO. AND I NEED HIM NOW!
TELL HIM WHAT I TOLD YOU, OKAY? EXACTLY WHAT I TOLD YOU.
I'VE GOT IT.
YOU'D BETTER.
Clik
ASSHOLE
JERICHO CURSES HIMSELF. HE DIDN'T DOUBLE HIS RETAINER FEE WHEN HE SIGNED ON.

HE NEARS HIS TARGET
AFTERNOON.
I'M JERICHO. I WAS HOPING YOU MIGHT HAVE TIME FOR A SHORT CHAT ABOUT...
WHOA! EASY THERE. LET'S JUST RELAX, OKAY?
WE'RE ALL FRIENDS HERE.
LOOK, LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE.
I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF A *MUTUAL FRIEND* WHO'S BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON YOUR ACTIVITIES. HE'S GOT SOME INFORMATION HE THINKS YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN.
AND THIS FRIEND OF OURS--HE KNOWS YOU'VE BEEN BETRAYED BEFORE. SO, HE'S NOT LOOKING FOR ANY KIND OF DEAL OR FAVOR.
HE JUST WANTS ME TO PASS ON SOME INFORMATION THEN LEAVE IT UP TO YOU HOW YOU WANT TO DEAL WITH IT.
SO... YOU HAVE A SECOND TO TALK?

JESSICA? CAN YOU HEAR ME? IT'S MARC
LOOK. I THINK I MAY HAVE MADE A BIG MISTAKE AND I
NEVER MIND, DOESN'T MATTER RIGHT NOW. I'M GOING TO TRY AND SEND YOU MY LOCATION. I NEED YOU AND THE REST OF THE SCORCHED TO GET HERE A.S.A.P.!
MARC?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

ANY LUCK?
NOTHING YET. I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO FIND ANYTHING HERE, BUT WE'RE GETTING CLOSER.
THERE HAS TO BE AN ENTRY POINT TO THE NEXT LEVEL SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.
HOW'RE YOU HOLDING UP, BY THE WAY? I KNOW YOU AND AL WERE FRIENDS. THIS CAN'T BE EASY.
JUST WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF.
HANG ON, SOMETHING'S HERE. SOME KIND OF WEAK SPOT. I THINK I CAN USE IT TO CREATE AN ENTRANCE.
CAN I HELP?
NO, JUST NEED SOME SPACE TO CONSTRUCT MY SPELL.

Christ
WHAM
DAMN! I HOPED WE'D GET DEEPER BEFORE SECURITY KICKED IN.
I CAN'T KEEP THIS THING AT BAY!
I'M WORKING AS FAST AS I CAN.
WHAM
NYX!

FOLLOW ME!
KRISH
AL'S DEFENSES HAVE IMPROVED SINCE THE LAST TIME I WAS ALIVE.
CAN WE STILL EXECUTE OUR PLAN?
WE CAN. WE JUST NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL.
I DOUBT THAT'S THE ONLY SURPRISE AL'S GOT IN STORE FOR US.

JERICHO, REPORT IN
I TH.NK MY CONVERSATION WITH H.M TOOK A FEW YEARS OFF MY LIFE BUT IT'S DONE CONVEYED EVERY-TH.NG YOU WANTED. WORD FOR WORD.
AND?
"DON'T WORRY, CLOWN, HE'S ON HIS WAY.
"SHOULD BE ARRIVING ANY SECOND."

CRACK
I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING, CLOWN. I HOPE YOU'RE TAKING NOTES!
OR YOU JUST GOING CONTINUE TO HIDE BEHIND YOUR PETS?
WHY WON'T YOU FACE ME? I'M JUST A HUMAN.
KOOM
WHAT?

SHA-BOOM
THEN THE VOICE OF WHAT JUST CRASH-LANDED SPEAKS
IT IS YOU, CAIN!
I HAD MY DOUBTS, BUT I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU'D FIND A WAY OF SURVIVING ALL THIS TIME
YOU...

HELLO BROTHER.
PREPARE TO DIE.

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SPAWNING GROUND PRESENTS: MAILBAG

Hey, I've been reading spawn comics since I was a kid and have always loved them. My question today is will we find out what timeline king spawn falls under? I've been loving the series so far and can't wait to see what other demons he'll fight next.
Thank you.

-Ben

Thanks for reading, Ben. King Spawn takes place in the same timeline as Spawn. Try to look at it this way, in Detective Comics, Batman might be hunting the Riddler, while in Batman, he might be in outer space or captured by the Joker. Both books are in the same timeline; they're just happening at different times, even if they come out in the same month. Now, if you're excited about more demons showing up, just wait until you see what we have planned!

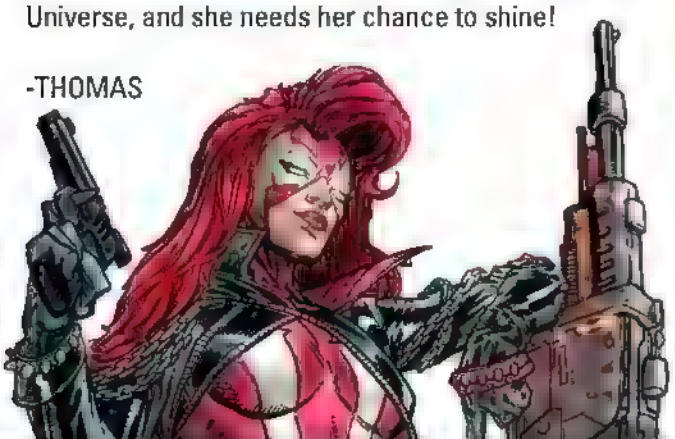
-THOMAS

All the Spawn books have been great. I have really liked She-Spawn as the team leader of the Scorched. But let's be honest, she needs her own book. Can you make that happen?
Thanks, guys!

-Shannon

Shannon, you are preaching to the choir over here. I am determined to get Jessica into her own book as soon as possible. She is one of my favorite characters in this Universe, and she needs her chance to shine!

-THOMAS



Was wondering if you could print this in your Spawning Ground section.
Thanks!!!

-JOHN G.

Well, John. Since you asked so nicely...sure. Great sketch cover!

-THOMAS

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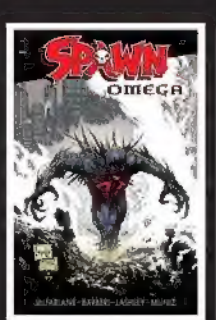

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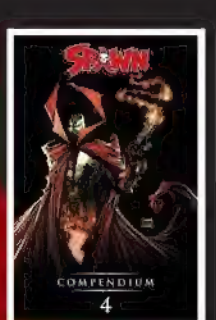

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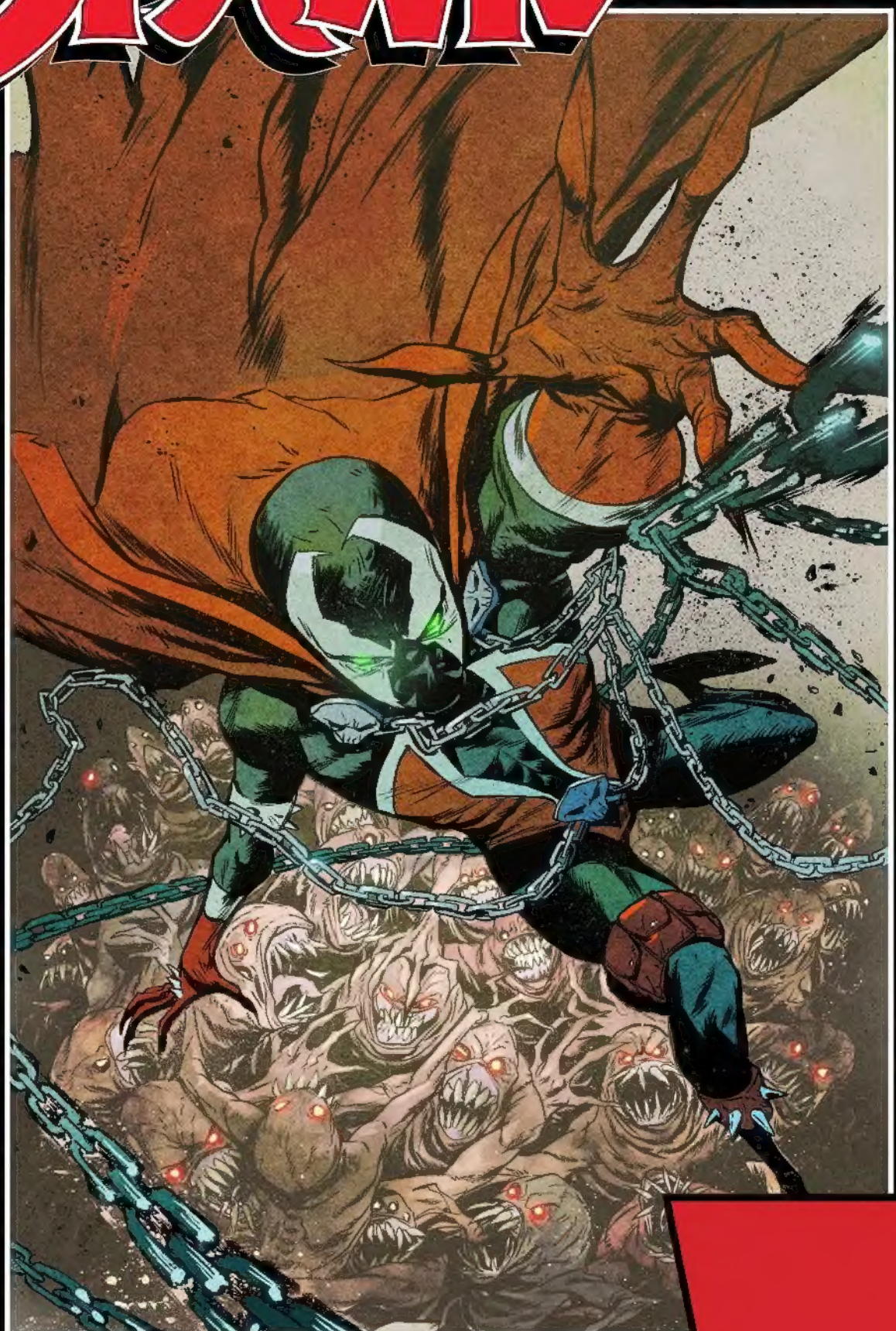

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